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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

DECEMBER 6, 1865.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

Mr. POMEROY submitted the following

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS concerning Indian massacres upon the frontier.

Whereas ineffectual efforts have been made during the past season to treat with, and conciliate, the hostile Indians upon our western border, and upon travelled routes to the mountains and the Pacific; and

Whereas recent demonstrations of hostility upon the lines of our communication between the States and mountain territories, embracing both the valleys of the Platte and the Smoky Hill, producing interruption, if not suspension of communications and commerce across the continent, resulting in the massacre and murder of many of our active, pioneering, and adventurous fellow-citizens, and also the mutilation and death of whole coach-loads of unarmed travellers, embracing men women and children: Therefore,

Resolved, That the mild, conciliatory, and even magnanimous conduct of our government towards these savages not being understood or appreciated by them, but only construed to be weakness and cowardice, should now be followed by the most vigorous and decisive measures until these hostile tribes are effectually punished for their crimes, and whipped into a wholesome restraint and submission to the authority of the United States.

2. *Resolved*, That the greatly increasing demand for communication and peaceful travel and commerce to our western mountains and the Pacific, resulting from the discovery of gold and precious metals, as well as the surveying and constructing of a Pacific railroad, renders it peculiarly urgent, and of national importance, that these routes of communication be and remain entirely uninterrupted.